

Record house price

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IT was a record year for northern beaches property prices - despite the current Sydney-wide trend - with top-end sales breaking the double-digit million-dollar barrier for the first time in 2006.

Two waterfront suburbs have achieved sales over \$12 million - Clareville and Whale Beach eclipsing the peninsula's \$9 million record.

Raine & Horne Palm Beach agent Glenn Lee said: "In a year when there hasn't been positive commentary about the Sydney property market, one area that has stood out is the demand for lifestyle offered by the northern beaches.

"Whale is the stunning performer."

The peninsula's record-breaking top sale is \$13.475 million for a big Pittwater estate in Clareville's Hudson Pde, sold through L.J. Hooker.

Oceanside Whale Beach Rd heads those double-figure million-dollar sales' figures with one beachfront property, No 237A, selling through Raine & Horne for \$12.1 million.

But despite record achievements for Whale Beach and Clareville, the peninsula's jewel in the multi-million dollar real estate crown, Palm Beach, is not re-



This house at 237a Whale Beach Rd, Whale Beach, has sold for a record \$12.1 million.

Palm Beach Real Estate agent Peter Robinson put this down to a lack of available property.

"The trend will continue. Palm Beach hasn't had a property

cause there aren't any but they just haven't come on to the market."

Although northern beaches property prices continue to be

has a stranglehold on the Sydney market taking out the top two placings of the year - one Wolseley Cr property in Point Piper sold for \$24 million, while a Carrara Rd address in Vaucluse sold for